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**ACTION PROGRAMME ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS:
MEMBERSHIP OF THE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Management Advisory Committee (MAC) is an advisory body to the Director-General of WHO on the Action Programme on Essential Drugs. It was created to replace the Meeting of Interested Parties.

There are three categories of membership. Category (b) membership comprises members selected by the WHO regional committees. There are two representatives of Member States from each of WHO's six regions, including the Western Pacific Region, under this category. The term of one category (b) member, Papua New Guinea, will expire on 31 December 1996.

The Regional Committee is requested to select one member under category (b), effective 1 January 1997, for a three-year term.

The terms of reference of the Management Advisory Committee, including its functions, composition, operation and review, are given in the Annex.

There are three categories of membership:

- (1) Category (a) is composed of government representatives of those countries which contributed funding in support of the Drug Action Programme's budget in the previous two years.
- (2) Category (b) is composed of two Member States undertaking drug policy and programme development from each of WHO's six regions selected by the respective regional committees for three-year terms. Regional committees, responsible for choosing representatives, are asked to select from countries undertaking drug policy and programme development.
- (3) Category (c) is composed of major international organizations collaborating in the implementation of WHO's Revised Drug Strategy such as UNDP, UNICEF, UNIDO and the World Bank.

Since September 1992, the status of category (b) members selected by the Regional Committee from among Member States of the Western Pacific Region has been as follows:

Member	Year elected	Term of office
Malaysia	1990	1 January 1991 - 31 December 1993
China	1991	1 January 1992 - 31 December 1994
Papua New Guinea	1993	1 January 1994 - 31 December 1996
Cambodia	1994	1 January 1995 - 31 December 1997

The term of office of Papua New Guinea under category (b) membership will expire on 31 December 1996. To fill this vacancy, it will be necessary for the Regional Committee to select, at its forty-seventh session, one member from the Western Pacific Region under category (b), for the period 1 January 1997 to 31 December 1999.

The Regional Committee is thus requested to select one member under category (b), effective 1 January 1997 for a three-year term.

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC)

Terms of reference of the Management Advisory Committee

The Management Advisory Committee (MAC) represents the interests and responsibilities of WHO's external partners collaborating with WHO in its Action Programme on Essential Drugs. It acts as an advisory body to the Director-General of WHO, making recommendations on matters related to the policy, strategy, finance, management, monitoring and evaluation of the WHO Action Programme on Essential Drugs (DAP).

Functions

- Review, analyse and guide the programme of activities and related budget of DAP and make appropriate recommendations to the Director-General.
- Review the arrangements envisaged by the Director-General for financing and managing DAP.
- Review proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications.
- Review financial statements of DAP.
- Review periodic reports evaluating the progress of DAP towards the achievement of its objectives and submit its findings and recommendations to the Director-General.
- Recommend ways of improving, as appropriate, coordination between the activities of DAP and of other relevant programmes and organizations.
- Consider any other matters relating to DAP referred to it by the Director-General, the Director of DAP or any member of the Committee.

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- In carrying out its functions, MAC shall be informed of all policy decisions and recommendations concerning DAP or WHO's Revised Drug Strategy made by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board.

Composition

Members

- The government representatives of those countries which contributed funding in support of DAP's budget in the previous two years;
- Two Member States undertaking drug policy and programme development from each of WHO's six Regions selected by the respective Regional Committees for three-year terms. Regional Committees, responsible for choosing representatives, should be asked to select from countries undertaking drug policy and programme development.
- Major international organizations collaborating in the implementation of WHO's Revised Drug Strategy, such as UNDP, UNICEF, UNIDO and the World Bank.

Observers

Other concerned parties invited by the Director-General to attend as observers.

Members selected from the six Regions of WHO may be reappointed. The Chairperson of MAC shall, in principle, be a government representative and shall be elected from and by members of MAC for a period of two years, but, while eligible for re-election, may not serve consecutive terms. The Chairperson shall preside over meetings of MAC and undertake whatever additional duties may be assigned by MAC, in agreement with the Director-General of WHO. Observers are encouraged to take part in the deliberations of the MAC.

Operation

The MAC shall meet once a year. The meeting shall concentrate on reviewing DAP's programme in light of the financial support that will have been pledged and the past, present, and

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future coordination of external support for DAP's principal areas of activity (country support, development work, operational research, and management). The meeting shall also review and guide the following year's programme and related budget. The MAC may also meet more often upon the proposal of either its Chairperson or the Director-General of WHO, and with latter's agreement. The MAC shall decide its method of work, which may include the establishment of a number of functional subcommittees. All such subcommittees shall have an advisory role to MAC. Each MAC meeting shall elect a rapporteur from among its members who shall assist in ensuring that the decisions reached by the meeting are adopted and recorded before its closure. The MAC should, whenever possible, adopt its conclusions by consensus. Director, DAP shall be the Secretary of the MAC.

For these purposes, MAC shall be assisted in its endeavours by the provision by WHO of whatever secretariat and other support services may be considered necessary and reasonable.